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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7-9,11-13, 20-28, 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13 and 20-28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This application is a national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/NZ04/00293, filed November 18, 2004, which claims priority to New Zealand Applications No. 533245, filed on May 31, 2004 and 529603, filed on November 18, 2003. The certified copies of the priority documents have been filed with the instant Application.

Applicant's amendment of claim 1 and election with traverse of Group I, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, and 30 in the reply filed on June 23, 2009 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Applicant has removed the species taught by Wan by proviso, and that the inventions relate to a single general inventive concept. This is not found persuasive because compounds encompassed by claim 1 are known in the art, as will be set forth below, and thus the inventions do not share a special technical feature. Applicant also traverses on the ground that group B is comprised of polar heteroatom linking groups, which is a single inventive concept. This argument is not persuasive because the linkers recited in B comprise different functional groups and result in compounds having different core structures, and thus they do not make up a single inventive concept.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 20-28, and 30 are pending.

Claims 13 and 20-28 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable

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generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on June 23, 2009.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, and 30 are examined on the merits herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 11, and 12, the definition of E includes $-\text{CHR}_3-\text{CHR}_4-$, wherein R_3 and R_4 can be CH_2- or $\text{CH}((\text{CHOH})_m\text{CH}_2\text{OH})-$. It is presumed that the dashes represent points of connectivity to B and D. Because CH_2- or $\text{CH}((\text{CHOH})_m\text{CH}_2\text{OH})-$ also include dashes, it is unclear whether linker groups containing these moieties are intended to be linear (like the last structure in claim 30) or branched (like the first structure in claim 30).

Claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 11, and 12 recite that D can comprise two or more separate sugar moieties attached to E at different sites. It is unclear how many separate sugar moieties may be present, and at which positions they are attached to E. It is unclear whether attachment of sugar moieties to the $-\text{OH}$ groups present in E is intended.

Claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 11, and 12 recite the limitation "D comprises at least one sugar moiety." Because "comprising" is open language, it is unclear which other moieties may be present as part of D, essentially leaving the claim open-ended.

Claims 8 and 9 are drawn to the molecule of claim 1, wherein D comprises a monosaccharide or oligosaccharide chain. It is unclear whether the claims require a monosaccharide chain or oligosaccharide chain, or if the claims require either a monosaccharide or an oligosaccharide. Put another way, it is unclear whether a compound wherein D is a monosaccharide is encompassed by claims 8 and 9. If the first interpretation, a monosaccharide chain or oligosaccharide chain, is intended, the difference between a monosaccharide chain and an oligosaccharide chain is unclear.

Claim 11 depends from claim 1 and recites the limitation "E is $-\text{CHR}_3\text{CHR}_4-$, wherein R_3 is CH_2- and R_4 is H." Claim 1 includes the proviso "when R_3 is H or CH_2 that R_4 is not H or CH_2 ." These are contradictory definitions. Thus, it is impossible to determine which structure is intended in claim 11.

Claim 30 depends from claim 1 and recites structures wherein one of R_3 is H and the other is CH_2 (the first, third, fourth, and fifth structures), which is explicitly prohibited by claim 1. The last structure in claim 30 contains a moiety A which is not encompassed by the definition of A in claim 1, because it is not a glyceride or a linear or branched alkyl. Thus, it is impossible to determine which structures were intended in claim 30.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

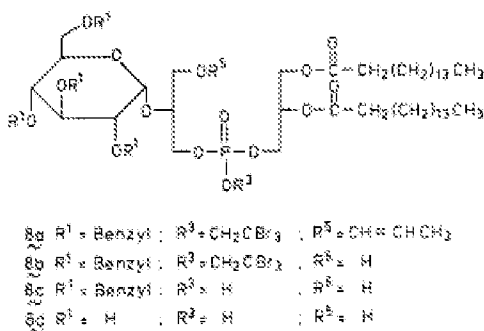
The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by van Boeckel et al. (Tetrahedron Letters No. 37, pp 3561-3564, 1979, PTO-1449 submitted June 7, 2007).

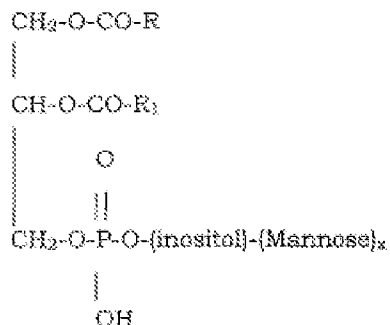
Van Boeckel teaches glucosyl phosphatidylglycerol 8d, shown below [page 3536]:



In this case, A is (Ia) wherein R_1 and R_2 are palmitate; B is phosphate; E is $-\text{CHR}_3-\text{CHR}_4-$ wherein one of R_3 and R_4 is H and the other is CH_2OH ; and D is glucose. The proviso “when R_3 is H, R_4 cannot be CH_2OH ” is noted. However, the above compound can be considered one wherein R_3 is CH_2OH and R_4 is H, because no particular connectivity is required for the linker group. Thus, the claims are anticipated.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Severn et al. (WO 02/02410, January 10, 2002).

Severn teaches the following compounds [page 9]



wherein X is 1 to 40, preferably 1 to 6, and R and R₁ independently represent a fatty acid chain.

Preferably, the fatty acid units are 16-20 carbon atoms in length, such as myristate, palmitate, etc. [page 9, lines 10-14]. In this case, A is (Ia) wherein R₁ and R₂ are acyl of 16-20 carbons; B is phosphate; E is inositol (cyclohexyl substituted with hydroxyl groups); and D is mannose or a mannose oligosaccharide of preferably 1-6 units. The compounds are formulated for respiratory, subcutaneous, intradermal, intramuscular, etc. administration to a patient [page 5, lines 15-24] and may be administered with an adjuvant [page 7, lines 13-15].

See MPEP 904.02: "During patent examination, the claims are given the broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification." Inositol is a cyclohexyl group substituted with hydroxyl groups. The instant specification, page 9, states that the linking group E may be substituted with hydroxyl groups or functionalities

which allow the attachment of one or more sugar chains. Thus, it is considered that inositol meets the limitation -cyclohexyl- in claim 1, and the claims are anticipated.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, and 12 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of copending Application No. 10/311,340. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because each are drawn to molecules of formula I where E can be cyclohexyl or substituted cyclohexyl. As was set forth above, the broadest reasonable interpretation of “cyclohexyl” in instant claim 1 includes inositol.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAYLA BLAND whose telephone number is (571)272-9572. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anna Jiang can be reached on (571) 272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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